

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are in the case. Claims 1-8 and 16-20 are allowed and claims 11-12 are indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form, for which indication the applicants thank the examiner. Claims 9-10 and 13-15 are rejected under 35 USC § 103 over USPN 6,222,630 to Wasserman in view of USPN 4,708,483 to Lorenz. Claim 9 has been amended and claim 11 is hereby cancelled. No new matter has been introduced by the amendments, which are supported by the disclosure of the original claims and the specification. Reconsideration and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested.

DRAWING OBJECTIONS

The drawings are objected to because, it is said, the black boxes such as 10, 30, 40, etc. in figures 1-4 are not labeled. Applicants have inspected the drawings as contained in the electronic file wrapper on EFS-Web, and the elements 10, 30, 40, etc. do not appear as black boxes, but rather appear as outlined boxes with the appropriate reference numbers disposed inside the boxes. Applicants postulate that perhaps there was something wrong with the copy of the drawings that the examiner was viewing. However, if applicants have misunderstood the objection, then applicants invite the examiner to please describe the problem with additional specificity, so that applicants can promptly resolve the examiner's concerns. Reconsideration and removal of the objection are respectfully requested.

CLAIM OBJECTIONS

Claims 11-12 are objected to as depending from rejected base claims. However, the office action states that these claims would be allowable if rewritten so as to not depend from a rejected base claim, and to contain all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants amended independent claim 9 to include the limitations of allowable claim 11. Thus, claim 9 and those claims depending therefrom are now allowable. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER §103

Claims 9-10 and 13-15 are rejected over Wasserman in view of Lorenz. Independent claim 9 has been amended to include the allowable elements of claim 11, which has now been canceled. Therefore, the rejections are rendered moot. Reconsideration and allowance of claims 9-10 and 13-15 are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Applicants assert that the claims of the present application patentably define over the prior art made of record and not relied upon for the same reasons as given above. Applicants respectfully submit that a full and complete response to the office action is provided herein, and that the application is now fully in condition for allowance. Action in accordance therewith is respectfully requested.

In the event this response is not timely filed, applicants hereby petition for the appropriate extension of time and request that the fee for the extension be charged to deposit account 12-2355. If other fees are required by this amendment, such as fees for additional claims, such fees may be charged to deposit account 12-2252.

Sincerely,

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